

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004, the drawings were objected to because certain structural elements of Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are "merely labeled with identifying numbers"; claims 1-3, 5-9, 13-24, 26-40, 44-51, and 53-55 were rejected over the prior art; and claims 4, 10-12, 25, 41-43, and 52 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise being directed toward allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the drawings, Applicants have amended the specification to include a legend for Figs. 2, 3, and 4. In addition, Fig. 2 has been amended to omit reference numeral no. 69, which is not referred to in the body of the specification. A clean copy and a copy showing the changes made to Fig. 2 is submitted herewith.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of canceled claims 3 and 4. Applicants submit that amended claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are in a form suitable for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 5 in independent form and have also incorporated the limitations of canceled claim 10. Applicants submit that amended claim 5 and all claims depending therefrom are in a form suitable for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 19 in independent form and have also incorporated the limitations of canceled claims 24 and 25. Applicants submit that amended claim 19 and all claims depending therefrom are in a form suitable for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 37 in independent form and have also incorporated the limitations of canceled claims 39 and 41. Applicants submit that amended claim 37 and all claims depending therefrom are in a form suitable for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 38 in independent form. Applicants submit that amended claim 37 is in a form suitable for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 50 in independent form and have also incorporated the limitations of canceled claim 52. Applicants submit that amended claim 50 and all claims depending therefrom are in a form suitable for allowance.


The above amendments are made for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants expressly reserve the right to submit any canceled or amended claim in a continuation application for future prosecution.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that all claims are in a form suitable for allowance and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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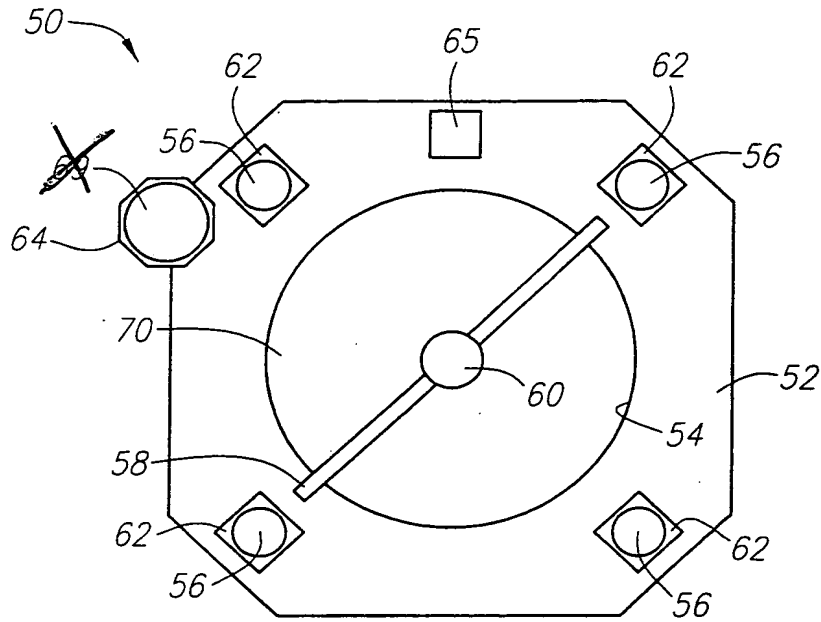


FIG. 2

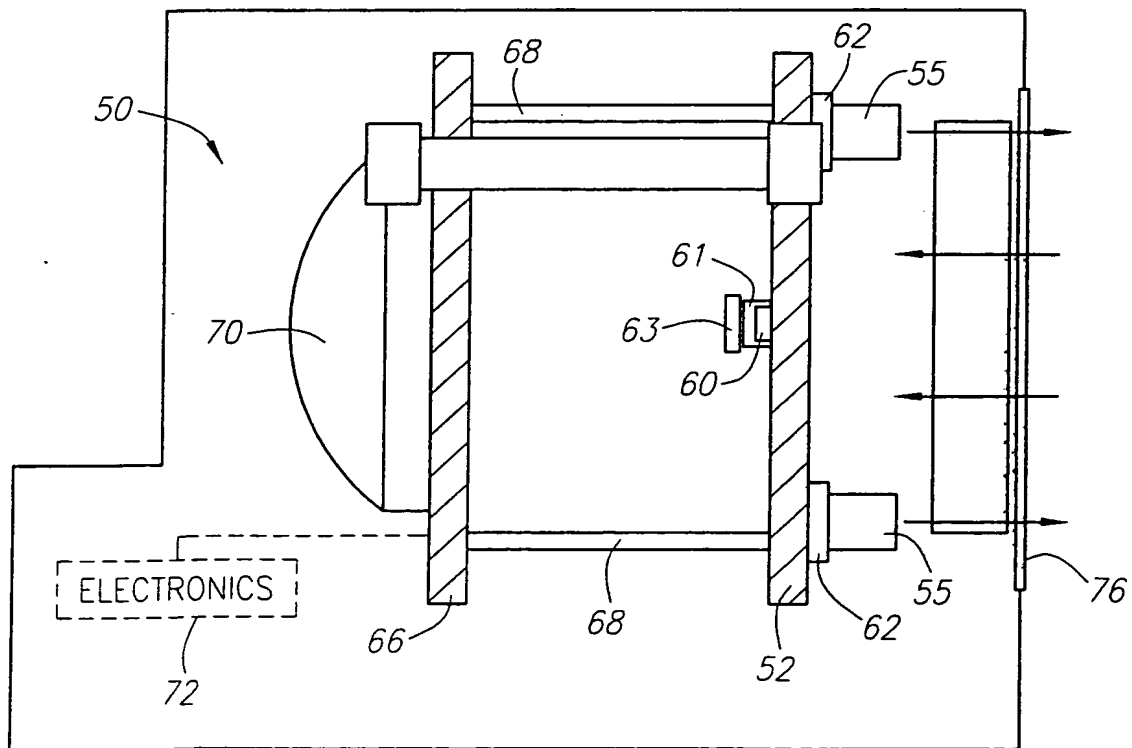


FIG. 3